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**Commissioner’s statement for Right to Know Week 2022**

**VICTORIA**— BC Information and Privacy Commissioner Michael McEvoy released the following statement in recognition of Right to Know Week, September 26 to October 2, 2022:

“I join my colleagues across Canada and globally to recognize Right to Know Week. This international movement highlights the rights of citizens to access information held by public bodies and showcases the benefits of open, accessible government.

“Accountability is a key element of democratic forms of government. Robust access to information laws are one of the most important measures to ensure accountability, offering citizens a window into what public bodies are doing.

“BC’s access to information laws help provide that accountability, but are only part of the story when it comes to supporting a citizen’s right of access. It must be remembered that nothing prevents public bodies from disclosing records without a request where those records do not contain personal information. As we celebrate Right to Know Week, I continue to strongly encourage public bodies to proactively disclose more categories of records to shine greater light on government actions.”

Right to Know Day has been marked globally on September 28 since 2002. Follow the OIPC on Twitter as we share resources and information about access to information. Use the hashtag #RTK2022 to show your support for access to information rights.

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